

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 15-17, 20-25, and 38-40 are pending in the application, all of which stand rejected. Claims 1-2, 5-7, 9-11, 16, 20, 23, and 38-40 are amended. Support for the amendments may be found in the Specification as filed at least on page 7, lines 8-9, page 8, lines 12-13, page 9, lines 10-12, page 11, lines 5-6, and page 12, lines 8-9.

Information Disclosure Statement

An abstract of previously cited CN 1260883A (and citation to counterpart U.S. Patent No. 6,791,640) is being concurrently filed with this RCE Submission. The copy of Foreign Patent Document "CN 1143164C" received by the USPTO is equivalent to cited Foreign Patent Document "CN 1260883A", which is the publication number for the same patent.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 15-17, 20-25, and 38-40 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs, as failing to comply with the written description requirement and as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention.

Specifically, the Examiner notes that the "second thin film transistor [Fig. 5; T2] is nowhere disclosed as being "light-sensitive". Applicants submit that the second thin film transistor is disclosed as being "turned on by an external light" (Specification, page 9, line 12), "turned on only when the second thin film transistor T2 perceives the light generated from the light pen" (Specification, page 11, lines 5-6), and "turned on in response to the light" (Specification, page 12, lines 8-9). Accordingly, second thin film transistor may be described as "light-sensitive" under a common usage of that term and is fully supported by the specification.

Furthermore, the claims have been amended to correct for indefiniteness rejections as noted by the Examiner.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claims 1-3, 5-11, 15-17, 20-25, and 38-40 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,204,661 to Hack et al ("Hack").

Claims 1, 5, and 38 are patentable over Hack at least because they recite that "... each of the sensing parts [has] a light-sensitive switching device which is directly responsive to light" FIG. 5 of the subject Application, for example, shows a sensing part. The second thin film transistor T2 is turned on in response to light (see Application, page 12, lines 8-9).

The Office Action of May 3, 2007 ("the Office Action") reads the sensing part as corresponding to the photosensor circuit region 12 and the current conducting region 14 in Hack's FIG. 2 (see the Office Action, page 4). However, the transistor 32 of Hack is not a light-sensitive switching device which is directly responsive to light. Hence, Hack's device is distinguishable from the device of Claims 1, 5, and 38.

Claims 2, 3, 6-11, 15-17, 20-25, 39, and 40 depend from Claims 1, 5, and 38 and are thus patentable over Hack for the same reason as Claims 1, 5, and 38.


CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, Applicants submit that all pending Claims 1-3, 5-11, 15-17, 20-25, and 38-40 are now in condition for allowance and allowance of the Application is hereby solicited. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns, the Examiner is hereby requested to telephone Applicants' Attorney at (949) 752-7040.

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